SC/ST status to weak sub-castes of Muslims

76. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the sub-castes among the Muslims are included as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for inclusion of some sub-castes of Muslims in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) if so, the status as on date and the details of such castes which have been recommended for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) Muslims are not included in the list of Scheduled Castes. With regard to Scheduled Tribes, religion of a person is not a pre-requisite for identification of a Scheduled Tribes, but religion wise list of communities specified, as Scheduled Tribes is not maintained.

No proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh recently.

Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes

77. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Scheduled Castes according to the 2001 census, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the Special Central Assistance (SCA) provided by Government for Scheduled Castes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 55 per cent of the allocated Special Central Assistance has been utilized by the States/UTs;

(d) if so, the details of utilization of SCA, State-wise and UT-wise;